

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Monica Kitts on June 24, 2011.

Claims 1-6, 10, 11 and 21 are directed to an allowable method.

The application must be amended as follows:

Please rewrite claim 1 to read as following:

Claim 1. A method for treating a polyglutamine disease, comprising administering a compound selected from the group consisting of L-methionine S-sulfoximine, L-ethionine S-sulfoximine, glufosinate to a patient in need of such treatment.

Please cancel claims 7-9 and 12-20.

Reason for allowance: Treating a polyglutamine disease by administering a compound selected from the group consisting of L-methionine S-sulfoximine, L-ethionine S-sulfoximine, glufosinate to a patient in need of such treatment is not taught by the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zohreh Vakili whose telephone number is 571-272-3099. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00 Mon.-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Lundgren, can be reached on 571-272-5541. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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